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Dear Members of the NFI,

Belonging to and serving the NFI community is a privilege and honor for me. Our group educates, trains, supports, mentors, inspires, and leads individuals, systems and whole fields of study and work and we do this because of our shared commitment to the philosophy and practice of NIDCAP. We are creating ever-greater opportunities for others to join our mission and together we are nurturing and shaping NIDCAP for the future. Knowing that each of us belongs to this greater whole and all play critical roles is instrumental for the NFI to be *the voice of the newborn* for generations to come.

From time to time, I would like to point out new or existing NFI policies and opportunities. As part of our ongoing efforts to help raise global awareness of NIDCAP and our educational and training programs, please consider requesting **NFI endorsement** for your NIDCAP-related projects and efforts, such as written materials, films, conferences, etc. The process for approval includes submission to the Endorsement Sub-Committee of an application and a copy of/link to/description of your material to be considered. For further details of this process, please see <http://nidcap.org/en/about-us/endorsed-by-nfi/> and as always reach out with additional questions you may have. The NFI welcomes the opportunity to showcase and celebrate your expressions of NIDCAP so that we may inspire others around the world to join our efforts. Relatedly, we are happy to announce two recently endorsed NFI efforts:

- *Projecte Germans* (Sibling Project) YouTube video produced at the Barcelona-Vall d'Hebron NICU
- *5th Annual Midwest Developmental Care Conference Engaging Families in the NICU*, Thursday April 27, 2017 and optional morning session Friday, April 28, 2017

UPDATES:

- *Rita Cummings, MA* was elected to the NFI Secretary Officer position for the remainder of the NFI FY 2016-2017 year. Minutes for board meetings and conference calls may be found on the Member Services page of the *nidcap.org* website.
- *Jeff Alberts, PhD (Chair)* and *Gloria McAnulty, PhD (Co-Chair)* will lead the NFI NIDCAP and Science Sub-Committee. This effort will facilitate scientific knowledge around NIDCAP. Designated members of the Sub-Committee serve as advisors to NFI members who request support in the formulation of research designs and/or proposal preparation for planned research projects. All NFI Members are welcome to make use of the Sub-Committee's services. A description of this sub-committee is found on our webpage under the Program Committee: <http://nidcap.org/en/about-us/nfi/committees/>
- The NFI One Day Conference, "*NIDCAP: Developmental Care for NICU infants and families from admission through discharge*", will be offered at the Weill Cornell Medical College in New York,

April 7th. Please see <http://nidcap.org/en/programs-and-certifications/nidcap-education/one-day-conference-new-york-ny-7-april-2017/> for details. Erin Sundseth Ross, PhD, CCC-SLP, President and CEO of Feeding Fundamentals, LLC will be on the speaker team with Jim Helm, PhD and gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, CBC, FAAN. Conference topics range from "NIDCAP Approach to Developmental Care: What Does it Really Mean?" to "Feeding Infants within the NIDCAP Framework" to "Facilitating Families in the NICU" and much more.

- In January, our members continued to discuss NICU practices through our Google Groups emails. Topics included "Webcam use in neonatal units" and "Kangaroo Mother Care Expert". If you missed either of these conversations, you may want to review the resources and discussions posted.
- Our first NFI corporate sponsor, SONICU, has re-committed to a second year of partnership with us. To learn more about SONICU, please visit the NFI webpage: <http://nidcap.org/en/about-us/partners/>

#### MEMBER IN THE NEWS:

- On behalf of her work with the Irish Neonatal Health Alliance, *Mandy Daly, Dip. H Diet & Nutrition, Dip. Ki Massage, ACII, DLDU*, NFI Board Member and Co-Chair of the NFI Parent Advisory Committee, was honored with the EFCNI Award 2017 for an "outstanding commitment for preterms and ill newborns and their sustainable achievements."

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

With anticipation and excitement for what we, the NFI, will continue to realize as a group over the coming year,

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